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SIX DOLLARS PER QUARTER

## Banks.

**THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.**  
AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,000,000.  
PAID-UP CAPITAL £500,000.

LONDON.  
Head Office: 40, Threadneedle Street.  
West End Office: 25, Cockspur Street.  
BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives MONEY ON DEPOSIT, issues LETTERS OF CREDIT, forwards BILLS OF COLLECTION, and Transacts Banking and Agency Business generally, on terms to be had on application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:  
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum.  
For 6 months, 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS  
at 1/2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.  
W. RUTTER, Manager.

**THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.**  
Authorized Capital £1,000,000.  
Subscribed Capital £500,000.

Head Office—Hongkong.  
Court of Directors:  
D. Gillies, Esq., Chairman.  
Chen Kit Shan, Esq., W. Wotton, Esq.,  
G. J. Hirst, Esq., Quong Hoi Chuen, Esq.,  
A. B. McKean, Esq., Acting Chief Manager.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE, LONDON.**  
THOMAS CARMICHAEL, Esq., Chairman, Dent, Palmer & Co.  
JOHN BUTTERY, Esq., Messrs. James & Co.  
C. B. STUART-WORTLEY, Esq., M.P. for Hants.  
G. W. F. PLAYFAIR, Manager.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SHANGHAI.**  
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Ma Kio Tekong, Esq., Cho Ming Slang, Esq.,  
Tong Kwei Sang, Esq.,  
J. D. THORNTON, Manager.

THE Head Office now receives Agency on deposit and makes advances on Goods in neutral Godowns, and upon other securities, on terms to be had on application.  
Hongkong, 27th August, 1891. [1166]

## Insurances.

**THE FUNDS OF THE STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.**  
ARE invested entirely within the British Dominions and are thus free from the complications which might arise in time of war. They now amount to Seven Millions Sterling, and have increased 50 per cent. in the last 15 years.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents, Hongkong.  
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**GENERAL NOTICE.**  
THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).  
CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000. \$533,333-33.  
RESERVE FUND \$318,000-00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:  
Lee Sing, Esq., Lo Yuen Mook, Esq.,  
Loo Tso Shun, Esq.,  
MANAGER.—HO AMEL.

**MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.**  
HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST, Hongkong, 17th December, 1885. [1178]

**NOTICE.**  
THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.  
CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000.

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.  
WOO LIN YUEN, Secretary.  
HEAD OFFICE, No. 7, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, Hongkong, 21st February, 1885. [1216]

## To be Let.

TO LET.  
SHOP in Pedder's Street, presently occupied by Mr. HAHN.  
Also  
4 ROOMS on First Floor, Suitable for offices.  
Apply to CRUICKSHANK & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, 4th August, 1891. [1235]

TO LET.  
BAHAR LODGE, THE PEAK.  
R. B. LOT No. 59.  
THIS desirable residence with Gas laid on to be Let Furnished or Unfurnished.  
Apply to HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., Ltd., Hongkong, 12th May, 1891. [1210]

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.  
TO LET.  
AT KOWLOON.  
A FEW HOUSES in KUNGFORD TERRACE containing 3 Rooms each and Bath-rooms, Tennis Courts, Healthy situation, Cheap Rent.  
Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., Ltd., Hongkong, 6th August, 1891. [1208]

## Amusements.

**THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, HONGKONG.**

**THE WILLARD OPERA COMPANY**  
WILL RE-OPEN FOR A SHORT SEASON, on SATURDAY, the 3rd October, in the Great Farical Comedy, DR. BILL, as played at the Avenue Theatre, London with such enormous success.

PRICES.  
Dress Circle and Central Stalls...\$3.00  
Stalls...2.00  
Back Seats...1.00  
Military and Navy half-price to back Seats only.  
Doors open at 8.30, to commence at 9 p.m.

Box Plan now open at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH'S LIMITED, Hongkong, 24th September, 1891. [1244]

**Notices of Firms.**  
NOTICE.  
THE Undersigned have been appointed SOLE AGENTS for Hongkong and China for the KINNEY BROS. New York branch of the American Tobacco (Trust) Company's well-known brands of "SWEET CAPORAL," "STRAIGHT CUT," "FULL DRESS," &c., &c., CIGARETTES and TOBACCOS.  
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co., Hongkong, 17th July, 1891. [1093]

**Masonic.**  
VICTORIA PRIORY.  
AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the PRIORY will be held TOMORROW, the 2nd October, at 5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.  
Hongkong, 29th September, 1891. [1261]

**Intimations.**  
NOTICE.  
JEY'S SANITARY COMPOUNDS COMPANY, LIMITED.  
JEY'S WOOD PRESERVER OR ANTISEPTIC PAINT.  
THE Undersigned have this day been appointed SOLE AGENTS for the sale of these PERFECT DISINFECTANTS, and are prepared to supply quantities to suit purchasers, at Wholesale Prices. Extra Special terms for Shipping and large Orders.  
SIR ROBERT RAWLINSON, C.B., C.E., Chief Sanitary Engineer, Local Government Board, London, says:  
"It is the best Disinfectant in use."  
W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co., Bank Buildings, Hongkong, 19th June, 1888. [12]

**G. FALCONER & CO.,**  
WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS AND JEWELLERS.  
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.  
No. 11, Queen's Road Central. [1164]

**THE PUNJOM AND SUNGHE DUA SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.  
THE SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office No. 6, Queen's Road Central, on THURSDAY, the 15th October, 1891, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Account to 31st March 1891, and for the election of Directors and Auditors.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to 15th October, both days inclusive.  
A. O'D. GOURDIN, Secretary.  
Hongkong, 29th September, 1891. [1265]

**Hotels.**  
THE SHAMEN HOTEL.  
BRITISH CONCESSION, CANTON.  
THIS FIRST CLASS HOTEL, admirably situated within a few minutes walk of the River Steamer Wharves, is now open to receive Visitors.  
The Bed-rooms are cool, airy and comfortably furnished, and the spacious Dining Room, Sitting Rooms, and accommodation generally will be found equal to the best Hotels in the Far East.  
The Table D'Hôte is supplied with every luxury in season, and the cuisine is in expert hands.  
Wines, Spirits, Malt Liquors, etc., of the best quality only.  
A WELL APPOINTED BILLIARD ROOM.  
A. F. DE ROZARIO, Manager.  
Hongkong, 1st September, 1891. [1182]

**THE HONGKONG HOTEL.**  
SHOOTING PARTIES, PICNICS, &c.—Tiffin, Dinners, &c., with all accessories, provided on short notice, with or without the Company's Steam Launch.  
Tiffin.—The charge per month for Tiffin, served in the Table D'Hôte Room, is now FIFTEEN DOLLARS per head, under monthly arrangement made in advance.  
R. TUCKER, Manager.  
Hongkong Hotel, 19th September, 1891. [129]

## Intimations.

**W. POWELL & CO.**  
HAVE RECEIVED THEIR FIRST SHIPMENTS OF AUTUMN DRESS MATERIALS.  
W. POWELL & CO.  
Hongkong, 28th September, 1891. [16]

**CARMICHAEL & Co., Ltd.**  
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS—TOBACCO AND CIGAR IMPORTERS, GENERAL STOREKEEPERS AND COMMISSION AGENTS.  
SCIENTIFIC BOOKS;—NAUTICAL ENGINEERING, and ELECTRICAL. OUTFITTING.—A select, but inexpensive Stock. SMOKERS' REQUISITES in great variety. AUSTRALIAN, NEW ZEALAND and CANADIAN DAIRY PRODUCE.  
CARMICHAEL & CO. LTD.  
18, Praya Central, Hongkong. [1168]

**ROBERT LANG & CO.**  
NEW HATS.  
BLACK, GREY AND BROWN FELTS  
SINGLE TERAI HATS  
(ALL SHADES).  
STRAW AND PITH HATS.  
Hongkong, 5th June, 1891. [1236]

**MOUTRIE, ROBINSON & CO.**  
(From 7, Broadwood & Sons and Collard & Collard).  
THE PIANO, ORGAN AND MUSIC WAREHOUSE, UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL, and at London, Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama.  
PIANOS SPECIALLY MADE FOR THIS CLIMATE AND GUARANTEED. MONTHLY PAYMENTS OR HIRE.  
TUNING—REPAIRS.  
OLD PIANOS TAKEN IN EXCHANGE.  
16 YEARS extensive experience in China, and the only firm of trained and practical people devoting themselves entirely to the Music and Musical Instrument Trade. [1246]

**CRUICKSHANK & CO., LD.**  
FAMILY AND DISPENSING CHEMISTS, AND Commission Agents.  
KOLA WINE, (VAN HARGAN).  
TONIC, STIMULANT and RESTORATIVE unequalled as a Restorative of the Digestive Organs. It strengthens the Mental and Physical powers, and Stimulates the Circulatory and Nervous systems with each Meal.  
VINACOLA.  
A Wine Glass Full taken on rising relieves any uneasiness in the stomach, and faintness.  
Hongkong, 26th September, 1891. [17]

**W. BREWER**  
JUST RECEIVED  
GENTS RUSSIAN LEATHER BOOTS, in all sizes.  
GENTS RUSSIAN LEATHER SHOES.  
SOLID SOLED TENNIS SHOES.  
MOROCCO LEATHER SLIPPERS.  
DANCING PUMPS, New Style with Silk tops.  
W. BREWER, UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.  
Hongkong, 15th September, 1891. [159]

**LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.**  
IMPORTERS OF  
GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.  
Packed by CROSSE BLACKWELL & Co., Phillips and Canada and other 1st class packers.  
A FULL STOCK OF FRESH STORES ALWAYS ON HAND.  
A REVISED PRICE LIST will be issued on October 1st, 1891, attention is called to the NEW SCALE OF PRICES.  
Priced Lists and Pass-books sent, post free, to any address.  
LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.  
Hongkong, 26th September, 1891. [139]

**KELLY & WALSH, LD.**  
CHEAP SENSATIONAL AND POPULAR STORIES.  
A PRIVATE DETECTIVE—Detective J. D. Shea.  
\$5,000 Reward—A. F. Pinkerton.  
File 114—Emile Gaboriau.  
Joseph Pickett, The Scotland Yard Detective, by Inspector Murray.  
One-Handed Burglar—Lieut. E. Laughlin.  
The Stolen Will—Myron Pinkerton.  
The Mail Robber—James E. Stewart.  
Duke Darrel, The Railroad Detective—A. F. Pinkerton.  
A Sharp Night's Work—J. Franklin Fitts.  
The Whitechapel Murders—A. F. Pinkerton.  
A Life for a Life—do.  
The Runaway Wife—Capt. Simon O'Donnell.  
The Criminal Queen—Ernest A. Young.  
The Detective's Dilemma—Emile Gaboriau.  
Link by Link—Nathan D. Unger.  
Detective against Detective—Morris Redwing.  
Fred Bennett, The Mormon Detective—U. S. Marshal Bennett.  
The forged check—F. Gardner.  
The Great Central Mystery.  
The seven-headed—F. D. Holsopple.  
Tracked to Death—Morris Redwing.  
The Ice-pond Mystery—Lieut. Joseph Kiple.  
The Stolen Laces—Dennis Simmons.  
The Conquerors—Ronald Rivers.  
Marked for life—A. F. Pinkerton.  
A Daring horse Thief—Patrick Ryan.  
Saved at the Scaffold—A. F. Pinkerton.  
The Scarlet Hankerchief—Le Jemly.  
Jim Cummings—Frank Pinkerton.  
A Woman's Revenge—Myron Pinkerton.  
Years—Charles Kingsley.  
Eastward Ho—do.  
The Great Trunk Tragedy—Morris Redwing.  
Falsely Accused—do.  
The Robber King—Patrick D. Tyron.  
Peck's Sunshine—George W. Peck.  
Will, Humor and Pathos—El Jemly.  
In the heart of the Storm—Maxwell Gray.  
The tales of Chloee—George Meredith.  
American Notes—Rudyard Kipling.  
A Social Departure—Sara Jeannette Duncan.  
An American Girl in London—do.  
Elo Brighteyes—Rider Haggard.  
The light that failed—Rudyard Kipling.  
Plain text from the hills—do.  
Tomb Raider's Time Cheques—J. A. Axtell.

## Auctions.

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**  
THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, ON SATURDAY, the 3rd October, 1891, commencing at 2.30 p.m., At his Sale Rooms, Duddell Street, A QUANTITY OF WELL MADE FURNITURE, Comprising:—  
Very handsome TERRA COTTA SILK and VELVET EMBOSSED Drawingroom Suite, MARBLE-TOP TABLES, HANDSOME OVERMANTEL, FRENCH CLOCK, a quantity of ORNAMENTS, VASES, PICTURES, &c., DINING TABLE and CHAIRS, MARBLE-TOP MIRROR-BACK BUFFET, CROCKERY, GLASS and ELECTOR PLATED WARE &c., MOROCCO COVERED CHAIRS, IRON BEDSTEADS, &c., MARBLE-TOP WASH-STANDS, TOILET TABLES, BEDROOM furniture, WARDROBES, CARPETS, &c., &c.  
The above will be on view on FRIDAY next. TERMS OF SALE—Cash on delivery.  
G. R. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, 20th September, 1891. [1264]

**Intimations.**  
HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.  
THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Club will be held in the City Hall, TO-MORROW, the 2nd October, at 4 p.m.  
T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, 18th September, 1891. [1236]

**CARBOLEUM AVENARIUS, (REGISTERED).**  
AN ANTISEPTIC PAINT for the Preservation of Wood, Walls, Ropes and Ship's Tackle. May be applied to Beams, Floors, Walls, Ceilings, Wooden Ornaments, Eave, Roof, Wooden Sheds, Farmers' and Gardeners' implements, Carts, Posts, Fences, Stables, Gates, Bridges, Boats, and all Timber underground. Effectually excludes all dampness from walls painted with it and entirely prevents the crumbling away and decay of both stone and bricks. White ants do not touch wood painted with Carboleum Avenarius.  
Used during the last 14 years with the utmost success, as proved by numerous Testimonials from living authorities.  
Sold in casks of about 450 lbs. net. Price 8/6 cents per lb.  
For further particulars, apply to SCHEELE & Co., Sole Agents, No. 16, Stanley Street, Hongkong, and elsewhere. [1244]

**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**  
THE Second Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company's Room No. 6, Consulate House, on SATURDAY, the 10th October, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to the 30th June, 1891.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 27th September to 10th October, both days inclusive.  
By Order of the Board of Directors, W. HUTTON POTTS, Secretary.  
Hongkong, 22nd September, 1891. [1241]

**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**  
NOTICE is hereby given that the Eleventh Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Society will be held at its Head Office, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 10th October next, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statements of Accounts for the year 1890, and for the half year ending 30th June, 1891.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 1st to 10th October, both days inclusive.  
By Order of the Board, W. J. SAUNDERS, Acting Secretary.  
Hongkong, 25th September, 1891. [1230]

**TO AERATED WATER MANUFACTURERS AND OTHERS.**  
NOTICE is hereby given that all AERATED WATER BOTTLES and SYPHONS bearing the Company's Name and Trade Mark are its property solely, and that any Manufacturer using the same or any Person or Person other than the Customers of the Firm found in possession of the same will be proceeded against at the law courts.  
A. H. MANCILL, Secretary.  
Hongkong, 18th August, 1891. [1122]

**FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD.**  
A REWARD of \$500 will be paid to any person supplying information that will lead to the discovery and identification of a Chinese girl named LI AFAT, who, in or about the month of September, 1888, was resident at St. Francis Street, Wanchai, in the house of JOHN MINHINNETT, an overman in the Hongkong Public Works Department, under the protection of a Chinese kept woman named WONG AH NGAN.  
LI AFAT is about 10 years of age, and according to a declaration made by WONG AH NGAN at the Magistracy, she was returned to her mother about three years ago—presumably to some village in the Kwangtung Province, where it is stated she died a short time afterwards.  
On the other hand JOHN MINHINNETT deposed on oath in the Supreme Court that LI AFAT was sold by WONG AH NGAN and that he was present in his own house when the purchase money was paid; and it has since been reported that the girl was taken to Singapore for immoral purposes.  
A Reward of \$250 will be paid to any person who shall produce reliable evidence, showing that LI AFAT was returned to her mother, in or about September, 1888, and afterwards died as alleged.  
Apply to THE EDITOR, The Hongkong Telegraph, Hongkong, 25th August, 1891. [1266]

## Shipping.

**STEAMERS.**  
STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, via NAGASAKI AND KOBE.  
(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)  
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship "VERONA,"  
Captain F. H. Seymour, will leave for the above places on FRIDAY, the 2nd October, at Noon.  
E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.  
Hongkong, 21st September, 1891. [123]

**"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.**  
FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.  
THE Steamship "BRECONSHIRE,"  
Captain Jackson, will be despatched as above on or about the 6th October.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 20th September, 1891. [1263]

**STEAM TO STRAITS AND ROMBAY.**  
Calling at Colombo if sufficient inducement offers.  
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship "TEHERAN,"  
Captain V. W. Hall, will leave for the above places on WEDNESDAY, the 7th October, at Noon.  
E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.  
Hongkong, 30th September, 1891. [1266]

**Consignees.**  
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.  
NOTICE.  
CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship "CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO,"  
The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.  
Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.  
J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.  
Hongkong, 20th September, 1891. [1265]

**Intimations.**  
CHINESE-IMPERIAL-GOVERNMENT SEVEN PER CENT. SILVER LOAN OF 1886 E.  
10th Half Yearly Drawing.  
INTEREST due and DRAWN BONDS of this LOAN will be PAYABLE at the Offices of the Corporation on and after the 30th September, 1891.  
Lists of Drawn Bonds can be obtained on application to the Undersigned.  
For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.  
Agents issuing the Loan, F. DE BOVIS, Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 20th September, 1891. [1266]

**BOARD AND LODGING.**  
VACANCIES for GENTLEMEN BOARDERS, at 79, Wyndham Street. Apply to Mrs. SWANSTON.  
Hongkong, 10th September, 1891. [1209]

**HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.**  
NOTICE.  
A SCRATCH SPOON COMPETITION will take place on SATURDAY, the 3rd October, at 2.45 p.m. at Kowloon. Conditions seven rounds and one sighting shot at 200 and 300 yards. Blaisy positions and rules.  
J. ANDERSON, Acting Hon. Secretary, H.K.R.A.  
Hongkong, 30th September, 1891. [1263]

**HONGKONG TIMBER YARD, WANCHAI.**  
OREGON PINE SPEARS and LUMBER Always on Hand.  
L. HALLORY, [1902]

**W. S. MARTEN,**  
ARTISTIC DECORATOR,  
4, DUDDELL STREET, HONGKONG.  
Hongkong, 6th April, 1890. [124]

**THE WATERBURY WATCH**  
A MOST ACCURATE and RELIABLE TIME-KEEPER.  
SERIES I.—\$2.70 each.  
SERIES J.—\$4.75 each.  
SERIES L.—\$4.75 each.  
For Ladies, Gentlemen and Children.  
A proportionate reduction for an order of more than one dozen.  
Inspections respectfully solicited by THE MITSUBI BUSSAN KAISHA, Sole Agents, in China, Japan and Korea.  
Hongkong, 15th September, 1891. [1192]

**VICTORIA E.M.P.O.R.I.U.M.**  
6 & 8, LINDHURST TERRACE.  
HUMBER SAFETY BICYCLES.  
HART-CYCLE SAFETY BICYCLES.  
RUDGE SAFETY BICYCLES.  
MACHINES of all sizes, fitted with all the latest improvements.  
Hongkong, 25th September, 1891. [1254]







at the beginning, and 40 (not 14) at the end of his term. Now, I am not a personal friend of Joseph Von Ulrich, nor am I in any way acquainted with him; but I, being a true-born Englishman, for humanity's sake have taken up my pen to write you this letter, in the hope that you will publish it in your much esteemed paper in the interest of the public.

First of all, this man Ulrich was charged with obtaining goods under false pretences by the Secretary of the Hongkong Trading Co. This charge against Ulrich completely collapsed, as was expected, owing to the want of evidence. The second charge against him was for having stolen a belt from an inmate of the Peak Hospital, valued at the paltry sum of 75 cents, and for this charge alone he was sent to goal for six months with hard labour and solitary confinements.

Now, Mr. Editor, do you think that if Ulrich were a Britisher, he would be sentenced to such severe punishment? I doubt it. Ulrich may be a rogue and a scoundrel of the worst type, but a petty thief of 75 cents' worth of property does not warrant a Magistrate to punish him so severely. I agree with you, Sir, when you said sometime ago that justice, if justice it may be called, was "cock-eyed" in this colony.

Thanking you in anticipation for publishing this letter,

I am,

Your's faithfully,

A BRITON.

Hongkong, 29th September, 1891.

#### THE NAVAL YARD POLICE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." STR.—Allow the insertion of a few lines in your valuable columns to draw the attention of the Hongkong public, especially of those connected with the Admiralty, to the grievances of the men of H.M. Naval Yard Police Force in this Colony.

The standard number of members of this Force amounts, all told, to 32 men, 25 of whom are constables, 6 sergeants and one inspector. A man on joining, engages for a term of five years on a salary of £40 a month, and free quarters, boots and clothing included. No increase whatever of this salary is given, no matter how long a man may remain in the Force; it is only on promotion to the rank of sergeant that the addition of £5 is added to a constable's pay. The Inspector's salary is \$300 a month and free quarters. The constables and sergeants do six hours duty a day; this is done in periods of two weeks together on night duty, and two weeks on day duty alternately, the day duties being varied and reasonable.

Permit me, first of all, to show, by way of comparison, the difference that now actually exists between the conditions of the men of the Naval Yard Police, and those of the Hongkong Police Force. Men for the Hongkong Police are invariably drafted out from home for a term of five years, on a salary of \$50 a month and free quarters, they having extra arising from payments for Telegraphy and Fire Brigade. The acting sergeants' pay is fixed at \$52, and that of full sergeants at \$55 a month. Confirmed inspectors, two classes, get \$80 and \$100 respectively. On the completion of five years service every member of the Force is entitled to nine months leave of absence on half-pay and a passage to England and *vice versa*, and while on leave receives full pay. Those who have permission to marry and live outside the barracks get \$15 allowed them for house rent. A pension is granted after 15 years service, at the rate of a quarter of each respective salary on the expiration of such service. Rewards and allowances are awarded for good conduct and long service.

Now, Sir, in taking the above statements into consideration, it will be seen by the most curious observer, that a glaring difference exists between the two Forces, although both live in the same place and under the same general circumstances. The one enjoys many advantages which the other does not; the one has something to look forward to in old age, whilst the Dock Yard policeman, whose duties are no less indispensable than those of any other Police Force, is left to toil on in possession of nothing more than his scanty pay. No prospects await him in the future, but he must ever remain—if something is not done to help him—humbly, subservient, and patiently endeavour to forget his pitiful position.

I may mention too, that an applicant must be strictly of an unblemished character before he can join the Naval Yard Police Force, and I think, therefore, that he ought to be better remunerated for his services. I do not know what those in power think.

Your's faithfully,

TRUNCHEON.

Hongkong, 25th September, 1891.

#### THE MISSIONARY QUESTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." DEAR MR. EDITOR.—I am sorry to trespass on your valuable journal, but if you could only have any idea of the injury which my feelings have sustained, I am sure that you would forgive me.

In your issue of August 15th I notice a letter from a missionary who signs himself "C.D." "C.D." makes an unwarrantable attack on the condition of the morals of the Europeans living out in the East, and tries to show that it is possible for an ordinary man to become as great a scoundrel as a missionary. He speaks of us as living with harlots and concubines; in fact living a life of debauchery and sin, and charges us with scoffing at missionaries and pampering and pampering us that (some day or other) hell will be our portion.

I do not wonder at his remarks about concubines and harlots, because the missionaries' epitomes (the bible) gives some amusing yarns on such subjects, and you can hardly expect anything better from men who take such an epitome for their guidance.

Their great shining lights, such as Noah, Lot, David, Solomon, etc., were never fond of the concubine business, and no doubt the missionaries have got concubines on the brain. Now, my dear Mr. Editor, I have met with missionaries in many different parts of the globe, and I have observed them carefully, and for the benefit of my fellow men I am bound to speak of missionaries as I have seen them.

A missionary is a man who loafs about the country, and does not care to work; a bummer; a cadger; in fact, a tramp, with a long-tailed coat.

There is no difference between the tramp who comes under the Vagrancy Act, and the missionary who goes cackling about the country and making a living by telling yarns which no sensible man could possibly believe. The treatment of both kinds of tramp ought to be the same; but I am sorry to say that it is not. The missionary tramp gets carted about the country and protected and pampered, while the ordinary tramp often gets locked up in goal and beaten with many stripes.

Why should people who have been born in an enlightened age protect and pamper the missionary knave?

Probably some people think that the missionary (like the ordinary tramp) will soon clear out, but I can assure them they are mistaken; because when any of the sky-pilot, Gospel-grinding, snuff-buster fraternity, once get a hold of a place, they are harder to get rid of than bed bugs, and a far greater nuisance. The ordinary bed bug can be got rid of by smothering them with sulphur; but the missionary requires lessing with a club, Chinese fashion!

When parasites like that follow of the Lord, "C.D." are allowed to go about preaching an obsolete, played-out, worn-out, washed-out creed, they ought to be more careful how they speak of Europeans, who earn their bread by honest work.

And I think that all my fellow workers in the East will agree with me in stating that the least punishment that ought to be inflicted on missionary "C.D." is—that he ought to be belted up by the stern of his prints, and thrown over the battlements of creation.

I am,

Yours truly,

EUCLID.

Sandakan, September 25th, 1891.

#### HANKOW.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

24th September, 1891.

All here continues quiet, but the quietness is like that which precedes a thunderstorm. There is a consciousness of something being seriously wrong somewhere, a feeling that something is about to happen somehow, and that, until an explosion does come off, there can be no sense of relief or ease; hence we wish it would hurry up, and get done with it. The authorities are keeping their forces conspicuous. In every street and lane soldiers may be seen lounging about. A hundred "braves" were told off to perambulate the settlement, and this they faithfully do when they are not squatting on the grass, or otherwise engaged in resting themselves. To-day they have been withdrawn at the request of our authorities, for it was found, as usual, that their presence encouraged loafers to be more obnoxious than they otherwise would have been; besides, they took it upon themselves to interfere with the police in the discharge of their duty. We are quieter without them, and safer too.

Anti-foreign literature is still kept in circulation. I enclose a copy of that favourite 6-page pamphlet, entitled "Death to the Devil Doctrine," brought to me from Wuchang a day or two ago by a friend who had given him to read. Translate a page of it if you dare. The country all round is parched with drought, and proclamations have been issued forbidding the slaughter of animals. The autumn crops are, however, already gone. What with locusts, drought, and disturbances, the outlook in the Yangtze valley is very black.

Native reports has it that the Ichang authorities have explained the destruction of the foreign buildings there to the Viceroy thus:—The district magistrate and General, having heard that certain atrocities were being perpetrated at the R. C. establishment, went there to enquire into them, when the foreigners, alarmed lest their wicked deeds might be found out, set fire to their houses and ran. One would be inclined to smile at this, were it not for the fact that, at the Wuchang enquiry, the Kuangchi magistrate did his best, in open court, to make witnesses say the missionaries there had set fire to their houses themselves. Why does not foreign authority hold an official enquiry into these affairs?

Mr. Mason, however, has supplied us with the chief topic of conversation here. It is almost impossible to believe that any foreigner, much less a man in his position, could have been in league with those villains who are boasting of sharpening their knives to cut foreign throats. It is all very well to say they are only hostile to the Government; the broad fact remains that they have done nothing against the Government as yet, nor has it practically done anything against them. Foreigners alone have been their victims; and for a foreigner to undertake to aid them—the thing is incredible. Some think Mr. Mason must be a devotee of the Göttergötter, and suppose himself commissioned to work mischief to his fellows; or that he is the victim of an ill-balanced mind afflicted for eternity.

The Japanese Consulate is being withdrawn from this port, and all its belongings were disposed of an auction to-day.—N. C. Daily News.

#### ARREST OF CUSTOMS OFFICER MASON.

We learn from the Shanghai *Mercury* that Mason, the Customs officer implicated in the supposed sleeping rebellion in the Chinkiang district, was arrested in the Central Hotel, Shanghai, on September 25th, on a warrant issued by the British Supreme Court, charging him with being in possession of five pounds of dynamite for an unlawful purpose. Inspector Wilson, of the Municipal Police, executed the warrant, Mason merely remarking "So I am arrested! Well, it is nothing more than I expected." He was then taken to the Central Police Station, and shortly afterwards lodged in the British Gaol. His examination before the Court was to take place last Monday.

In reference to the Mason affair, a correspondent at Chinkiang under date 25th Sept. says:—"Some further developments are on the tapis in regard to the Mason affair, which is still occupying the attention of the Customs and other local authorities. As a result of the disclosures in Mason's diary and papers, two Chinese Customs' officials, one a *wuyuen* in the opium godown, the other a *tinghsai*, and the No. 1 of the ex-conviction road coolies were sent to the *Taotai's* *yamen*, and the first named was sent thence to Shanghai for examination. The other two seem to have given satisfactory proof of their innocence, as they were set at liberty yesterday."

"E Tung-ling, the general in command at Silver Island, has been removed from his post and transferred to a place about 60 li beyond Nanking, where he has command of a small garrison, but his case is still under consideration and it is thought that he will eventually be deprived of his rank altogether. It was reported that the arms and ammunition stored in Shanghai were done up in packages bearing his (E Tung-ling's) official stamp, which would exempt them from Customs' examination, and it really seems as if by that means the whole country might be flooded with arms without the Customs' being any the wiser. General Li Tung-shan has arrived here to take E Tung-ling's place, and the present garrison at Silver Island, which consists chiefly of Hunan men who so distinguished themselves by participation in the looting and burning during the riot at this port two years ago, is to be changed at once and replaced by a larger force of men, natives of the Liang-Kiang. It remains to be seen whether that will be an improvement."

"General Ko Pa-chiang arrived here on board a Chinese gunboat to-day at 2 p.m. and landed at the China Merchants' wharf amidst all the pomp and waste of gunpowder attending the movements of a high official. I am informed that he is the Special Commissioner appointed to make full inquiries in regard to the doings of the Koles, Hui and the disaffection amongst the Manchus, and it is to be hoped he will find out something worth knowing."

"It is seriously averred that officials high and low are implicated in the rebellious movement in the Yangtze valley."

From information in our possession we are inclined to believe that the Hongkong Police authorities are in a position to throw a very great deal of light on Mr. Mason's doings and associations in this colony, which would be of great value to the authorities in Shanghai. If they are not, we can only say that they ought to be, and we have excellent reasons for saying so.

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#### KIUKIANG.

(FROM "N. C. DAILY NEWS" CORRESPONDENT.)

25th September, 1891.

I hear it currently reported to-day that the Ichang officials in their statements to the Viceroy have officially accused the foreigners of setting fire to the houses. This is adding insult to injury with a vengeance! It shows an utter want of sincerity on the part of the rulers and an ability to willfully lie, which would be hard to surpass. This kind of statement, which is made again and again, (see the remarks of the Wuhu *Taotai* and the Wuchang *Erhsu*) ought to convince the Ministers at Peking of the unwillingness of the officials to do anything to protect citizens of friendly Foreign Powers. If this statement does not come pretty near to official approval of the riot, I do not know what does. Continued delay in taking some kind of step making the people bolder and less fearful of ill-treatment, helplessness and innocent foreigners. It will not be very long before the fires break out in some other unexpected quarter and that suddenly.

I hear this morning that the Romanist property in Huanan has been burned by a mob and the foreign priests murdered. We ought to know in a few days whether this is true or not.

The military situation here has subsided; the General gave way to the demand of the men to *in toto* only dismissing a small official and a captain of ten to save his own "face."

#### ICHANG.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Hankow, September 25th, 1891.

The steamer *Tehking* arrived here early yesterday morning with the following news from Ichang:—

On the 14th instant, a placard in Chinese characters was posted up on the back boundary wall of the Roman Catholic College, which F.M.D. Consul, Mr. Everard, who is ever on the alert, brought immediately under the notice of the Native authorities:—

I am convinced that the British Consul at Ichang, is a gentleman of the right sort, not only on account of the plucky way in which he remained alone at the Consulate during the late disturbance, but also because of the energy he displayed in dealing with the Native officials subsequently.

The *Elia*, chartered by the British Government, arrived at the port at 11 p.m. on the 16th inst. with the sailors and arms despatched in her from H.M.S. *Archer*. Next morning at 10 o'clock the British Consul paid his official visit to the ship, and a salute of seven guns was fired when he left. No doubt it was on account of the presence of the officers, blue-jackets, and the armed ship that the day passed off quietly.

To Count d'Arnoult, Commissioner of Customs, his staff, and Mr. A. Gordon Brown, agent of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, is due the greatest credit for the brave way in which they defended the Custom House at Ichang during the riot. There were no half-measures taken by them on that memorable occasion, but rifles and sword-bayonets, with 20 rounds of ammunition were served out to each man, and the directors of the defence had every intention of using them freely if necessary. But the look of the cool was too much for the brutal, riotous hounds, and they were effectually kept off the premises. All was quiet at the port when the *Tehking* left on the 18th inst.

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'T WAS DRINK THAT DID IT.

No excuse is more familiar to police magistrates than the ancient formula, "'T was the drink that did it." Despite the wise saying, the law that drives to madness is an aggravation, rather than excuse for, an offence, incriminated persons persist in putting in a plea of drunkenness as an extenuating circumstance. From this view of the case one of our vivacious contemporaries writes the *Daily Telegraph*, that has sprung the drink boom on the palled ears of its readers in the dull season. The campaign was opened by a gentleman who signed himself "Remorse," and dates from that unknown quarter.

"Brighton." It is spiritedly suggested that in this gentleman we may behold the source of all the wonderful discoveries in natural history that illuminate the dullest newspaper month of the year. He, it is hinted, may be the original man who sees the sea serpent about this time of the year; who finds the biggest gooseberry on his own bush; who beholds a shower of frogs in his back garden; or, at exactly five minutes and forty-two seconds past one o'clock in the morning, is the amazed spectator of a remarkable appearance in the skies. It has been suggested that perhaps sea serpents and showers of frogs are not unconnected with the pink alligators, green zebras and similar little cattle that form a large part of the natural history experiences of dipsomaniac patients. "Remorse," and "Despair," who has acted as man Friday to "Remorse," unfortunately have done harm to the cause of temperance by bolstering up the mischievous fiction that drunkenness is a disease. Their symptoms, described no doubt in all sincerity, broken what is known as catarrh of the stomach. This is a disease begotten of indigestion in undiluted spirit. The patient, oppressed with nameless horrors and undeliverable sinkings, flies to drink as a remedy. Yet when the fit is over he loathes, or he may loathe, drink. The case is one that requires a stimulant; but it is not a case where you should take a half of the dog that has bitten you. Strong liquors are the worst remedy. The best is the extracted juices of meat, uncoloured. Nourishment taken in that form is easily assimilated in the then condition of the stomach. The real drunkard is one who has cultivated an unconquerable affection for strong liquors. The

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